(c) and (d) The criteria for placing a train at the platform is fixed keeping in view the type of the train, schedule of the train and availability of platform.

**Losses of Bhopal-Ncw Delhi Shatabdi Express**

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SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bhopal-New Delhi Shatabdi Express is running into heavy losses;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the details of measures being taken to save these losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Train-wise figures of profitability, earnings and expenditure are not maintained. However, on overall basis, Railways are making losses on passenger operations including other coaching services. The losses incurred on this account during last three years are as under.

| Year | Losses (Rs. in crores) |
|---|---|
| 1998-99 | 4165.50 |
| 1999-2000 | 4582.71 |
| 2000-01 | 4875.54 |

Indian Railways in the larger social and national interest has been undertaking certain uneconomic operations. This includes an element of cross subsidisation of passenger fares with freight charges.

(c) Constant efforts are made to cut down expenditure. Some rationalisation of passenger fares have been proposed in the current budget.

†Original notice of (he Question was received in Hindi.